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Applications for Events Fund Open Soon

Applications to Selwyn District Council's Events Fund are open during July. \$50,000 is available through the fund to support large events that are held in Selwyn which are open to the public.

The fund was established in 2013 and last year supported 18 events including the Hororata Highland Games, Rolleston Community Fireworks Night, Koru Games, Children's Day, Lincoln Multi Cultural Festival, the Selwyn Book Fair and the Selwyn Running Festival.

To be eligible for a grant, events need to meet these criteria:

- the event attracts local, regional and international visitors
- it contributes to key benefits identified in the Council's events policy
- it helps to increase the range and diversity of events in Selwyn
- it promotes the Selwyn district

Events should preferably be run by a not for profit organisation with charitable status, although applications from community organisations and individuals may be accepted.

The Council's Recreation Advisor Dave Tippett says that the events fund has helped support and develop a great range of events within Selwyn. "Events can bring our community together in a celebration, provide significant income for our district, and help make Selwyn a great place to visit and live."

Applications for funding for events planned over the next year must be received by 1 August 2016. Applications are open from 1 July - information about the fund is available online at www.selwyn.govt.nz/eventsfund.

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